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SUBJ: TARIFF INCREASE ON COPPER SCRAP

RE: (A) STATE 1126, (B) 329 SEOUL (C) 76 SEOUL A-150

1. IN RESPONSE TO THE SPECIFIC QUESTION RAISED REF A  
CONCERNING KOREAN TARIFF CHANGES FOR IMPORTS OF COPPER  
WASTE END SCRAP (CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL NOMENCLATURE  
FORMERLY BTN - NO. 7401), THE GENERAL RATE FOR THAT ITEM  
WAS RAISED FROM 15 TO 20 PERCENT, EFFECTIVE JANUARY, 1, 1977,  
IN ONE OF A MULTITUDE OF CHANGES RESULTING FROM A MAJOR  
TARIFF REFORM. HOWEVER, THAT ITEM IS ALSO INCLUDED ON A  
SEPARATE SCHEDULE OF TEMPORARY RATES (THE APPLICABLE RATES  
FOR THESE ITEMS) WHICH PROVIDES FOR A TEMPORARY RATE OF  
12.5 PERCENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1977, AS COMPARED TO  
THE PREVIOUS TEMPORARY RATE OF 10 PERCENT. THIS NEW TEMPORARY  
RATE IS SLATED TO RISE TO 15 PERCENT ON JANUARY 1, 1978 AND  
TO MOVE TO THE GENERAL SCHEDULE LEVEL OF 20 PERCENT ON JANUARY,  
1, 1979.

2. THE RATIONALE AND MAJOR FEATURES OF THE TARIFF REFORM  
ARE DESCRIBED IN REF B. FURTHER, RATIONALE FOR THE  
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HANDLING OF THE TARIFF RATE FOR COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP  
TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT KOREA'S FIRST COPPER  
REFINERY IS SCHEDULED TO COME ON STREAM IN 1978 (REFC).  
THE PHASING OF THE INCREASE IN THE TEMPORARY RATE FOR  
THIS ITEM IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE FOR A GRADUAL  
TRANSITION TO THE HIGHER GENERAL RATE LEVEL WHICH  
WILL TAKE EFFECT ABOUT THE TIME THE NEW COPPER

REFINERY IS EXPECTED TO BE IN FULL OPERATION (MARCH 1979).  
COPPER ORE IMPORTS, CCCN 2601, ARE ACCORDED DUTY FREE TREATMENT  
UNDER BOTH THE OLD AND THE NEW SCHEDULES.  
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